

ADVERTISING METHOD USING A TURNSTILE
INDICIA DEVICE FOR TURNSTILE AND METHOD OF USE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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Cross-Reference to Related Applications

5 This application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial Number 08/450,496 filed May 26, 1995 for Indicia Device For Turnstile And Method Of Use, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial Number 189,802 filed on February 1, 1994 issuing as U.S. Patent No. 5,430,974, each commonly owned with the present invention.

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Field of the Invention

This invention relates to methods and devices for displaying indicia. More particularly, the present invention relates to advertising on turnstiles. In a further and more specific aspect, the present invention concerns a device
15 apparatus containing visual information mounted on the arms of turnstile.

The Prior Art

Access to public as well as many private facilities is often controlled by devices conventionally referred to as turnstiles. Turnstiles consist of a
20 housing placed in an accessway to define a narrow passageway. This passageway is controlled by an arm extending thereacross. In order to move through the passageway, the arm of the turnstile must be moved aside. Typically, turnstiles have a revolving plate mounted in the housing from which a

number of arms extend. An individual moves into the arm presently blocking the passageway, and moves it down and away, rotating the rotating plate. The individual is now free to progress through the passageway, with a subsequent arm rotating up behind the individual to block the passageway from following individuals.

Turnstiles work well to control the flow of a crowd and/or charge and collect admission. However, they also use a large amount of space which could be used for other purposes. Specifically, at the present time, space is at a premium for advertisements. Advertisements generate a large volume of revenue in public event facilities, and are very much an integral portion of our society. Advertisements inform as well as entice individuals. High visibility locations in which to advertise are continually being sought, with prime location subject to a great deal of competition between advertisers.

Advertisements are presented in a wide variety of ways, the most common of which are placing posters in a case or simply tacking a poster to a wall. These are traditional and well established methods, however, these methods are limited by the amount of wall space available. Recently, Video monitors have been used to provide a plurality of ever changing advertisements. This method, while very effective, is also very expensive. Generally speaking, advertisements are prevalent throughout society, with most available space already allocated for advertisements. While there may be some space available, it is generally not highly desirable, being out of the way or less visible than preferred.

Turnstiles occupy a position which is highly trafficked, since everyone must pass through the turnstiles, and highly visible since most people look at the turnstile as they pass through. Conventional turnstiles, however, do not take advantage of their premier location, and while they perform their blocking functions admirably, take up advertising space, and more importantly, take peoples eyes off wall advertisements as they concentrate on passing the turnstile.

It would be highly advantageous, therefore, to remedy the foregoing and other deficiencies inherent in the prior art.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a new and improved turnstile.

5 Another object of the present invention is to provide an indicia device for use on a conventional turnstile.

And another object of the present invention is to provide a method of advertising on a turnstile.

10 Still another object of the present invention is to provide a relatively inexpensive and highly effective method of advertising.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a relatively inexpensive indicia device for use on turnstiles.

Yet still another object of the present invention is to provide an indicia device easily installable on substantially any turnstile apparatus.

15 A further object of the present invention is to provide an indicia device in which the indicia may be readily changed.

And a further object of the present invention is to provide an indicia device which can be readily attached without alteration to the turnstile and with conventional tools.

20 Yet a further object of the present invention is to provide an indicia device which can be constructed of conventional materials using conventional techniques.

And yet a further object of the present invention is to provide an indicia device which can be constructed in a variety of configurations to meet an individual users criteria.

Briefly, to achieve the desired objects of the present invention in accordance with a preferred embodiment thereof, provided is a turnstile comprising a housing, an arm rotatably carried by the housing, a cover removably affixed to the arm, and indicia carried by the cover. The arm extends into a passageway adjacent the housing and the indicia is positioned for viewing by persons moving through the passageway. The indicia device includes a tubular sleeve carrying the indicia which is receivable about the arm. The indicia device also includes coupling means for coupling the sleeve to the arm.

In a preferred embodiment, the cover comprises a transparent tubular sleeve. Further, a sheet having the indicia thereon is inserted within the tubular sleeve for viewing the indicia therethrough.

The coupling means includes a collar configured to adjustably and securely engage the arm and an attachment member for attaching the arm receiving end of the tubular sleeve to the collar. The collar includes an arm securing portion for coupling the collar to the arm, a sleeve securing portion for securing the tubular sleeve to the collar and a bore extending through the arm securing portion and the sleeve securing portion for receiving the arm.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The foregoing and further and more specific objects and advantages of the instant invention will become readily apparent to those skilled in the art from the following detailed description of a preferred embodiment thereof, taken
5 in conjunction with the drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a turnstile device;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view illustrating an indicia device constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention as it would appear
10 installed on the turnstile device of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is an isometric view of the indicia device of FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is an exploded view of the indicia device of FIGS. 2 and 3;

FIG. 5 is an isometric view of an alternate embodiment of an indicia device;
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FIG. 6 is an exploded view of the indicia device of FIG. 5;

FIG. 7 is an isometric view of another embodiment of an indicia device constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention;

FIG. 8 is an exploded view of the indicia device of FIG. 7;

FIG. 9 is a sectional view taken along line 9-9 of FIG. 7;

FIG. 10 is an isometric view of another embodiment of an indicia device constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention;
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FIG. 11 is an exploded view of the indicia device of FIG. 10;

FIG. 12 is a sectional view taken along line 10-10 of FIG. 11;

FIG. 13 is an exploded view of another embodiment of an indicia device constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention;

FIG. 14 is a sectional view of the indicia device of FIG. 13.

5 FIG. 15 is an isometric view of a preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 16 is a partial sectional view of the embodiment of FIG. 15 taken along line 16 - 16.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Turning now to the drawings in which like reference characters indicate corresponding elements throughout the several views, attention is first directed to FIG. 1 which illustrates a turnstile device generally designated 10, consisting of a housing 12 opposed by an obstruction 13. Housing 12 and obstruction 13 define a passageway therebetween, alternately blocked by one of three arms 14, each having a free end 15. Arms 14 extend from a plate 17 rotatably mounted on housing 12 such that one of arms 14 extend across the passageway at any given time. As an individual moves through the passageway, the arm blocking the passageway is rotated out of the way allowing an individual to pass through. As the arm is moved, another arm rotates up behind the individual, again blocking the passageway.

Set forth for purposes of orientation and reference in connection with the ensuing detailed description of the preferred embodiment of the instant invention, the foregoing brief description of turnstile 10 is intended to be generally representative of typical, commercially available turnstiles. Details not specifically illustrated and described will be readily understood and appreciated by those skilled in the art.

With reference to FIG. 2, turnstile 10 is illustrated with indicia devices, generally designated 20, installed on arms 14. Indicia device 20 encloses arm 14, and contains visual information or indicia 22. Indicia 22 is preferably

positioned so as to be in proper orientation for viewing when arm 14 is in the blocking position. Identical or diverse indicia may be carried by individual indicia devices 20. If diverse indicia is employed between separate indicia device 20, each diverse indicia would be viewed as the appropriate arm rotates to the blocking position.

Still referring to FIG. 2, three separate indicia devices 20 are shown installed on three separate arms 14. One skilled in the art will understand that each arm need not be covered. Furthermore, a turnstile device may have more than three or less than three arms. One skilled in the art will understand that substantially any turnstile device having arms may be improved by the installation of one or more indicia devices 20.

Indicia device 20 is a generally tubular sleeve configured to fit over and enclose arm 14 as can be seen in FIG. 3. Indicia device 20 consists of a tubular sleeve 23 having an arm receiving end 24 and a free end 25. Arm receiving end 24 is closed by a collar 27 configured to receive arm 14 therethrough, and free end 25 is closed by an end cap 28. With additional reference to FIG. 4, collar 27 includes a sleeve securing portion having an outer portion 29 and an inner portion 30, and an arm securing portion 32. Outer portion 29 has a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of an outer surface 33 of tubular sleeve 23 and engages arm receiving end 24. Inner portion 30 has a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of an inner surface 34 of tubular sleeve 23, and is received in tubular sleeve 23 at arm

receiving end 24. A groove 35 is circumscribed around the periphery of intermediate member 30 and contains a seal ring 37 which engages inner surface 34 sealing tubular sleeve 23. This is to prevent moisture or other detrimental materials from entering tubular sleeve 23 and damaging indicia 22.

5 Arm securing portion 32 extends into arm receiving end 24 and has a diameter less than the diameter of inner surface 34 and therefore is spaced from inner surface 34. A bore 38 is formed centrally through collar 27, extending through outer portion 29, inner portion 30, and arm securing portion 32. Bore 38 has a diameter sufficient to receive arm 14 therethrough. Set screws 39 extend

10 through arm securing portion 32, into bore 38 and engage arm 14, securely fixing collar 27 to arm 14. In this specific embodiment, two set screws are employed separated by approximately 90 degrees. Threaded holes 40 are formed around the outer edge of inner portion 30, and align with corresponding holes 42 formed through tubular sleeve 23 proximate arm receiving end 24. Screws (not shown)

15 extend through holes 42 and thread into threaded holes 40, securely holding tubular sleeve 23 onto collar 27 and thereby, onto arm 14.

Still referring to FIG. 4, end cap 28 has a diameter substantially equivalent to outer surface 33 of tubular sleeve 23 and is fixed to free end 25. In this embodiment, end cap 28 is bonded to free end 25 using an adhesive, but

20 substantially any method may be employed to securely attach end cap 28 to free end 25. A spacer 43 is coupled centrally to the inside of end cap 28 and is configured to extend into tubular sleeve 23 at free end 25. Spacer 43 is coupled

to end cap 28 by attachment members, such as screws 44, extending through end cap 28 into spacer 43. One skilled in the art will appreciate that an adhesive or other attachment means may be used to fix spacer 43 to end cap 28. Spacer 43 is positioned centrally within tubular sleeve 23 at free end 25, and has a diameter less than the diameter of inner surface 34, thereby creating a space between spacer 43 and inner surface 34. A sheet 45 of material carrying indicia 22 is rolled into a tube with indicia 22 visible on the outer surface thereof, and inserted into tubular sleeve 23. When properly positioned, sheet 45 preferably extends from collar 27 to end cap 28, with its outer surface pressing against inner surface 34. It will be understood that a shorter sheet may be inserted which would not extend from collar 27 to end cap 28, however this is not preferred since this would permit viewing of the interior of tubular sleeve 23.

Tubular sleeve 23 is preferably constructed of a transparent material, through which indicia 22 is visible. Substantially any clear material may be employed for tubular sleeve 23, however, it must be strong enough to withstand repeated contact by individuals passing through the passageway. The preferred material for tubular sleeve 23 is a cast acrylic, an extruded acrylic or polycarbonate. One skilled in the art will understand that while a transparent tubular sleeve 23 containing a sheet 45 is preferred, a tubular sleeve may be employed having indicia directly thereon. Collar 27, and spacer 43, may be constructed of substantially any material, such as metal or plastic. Aluminum is one preferred material. Others include nylon, polyvinylchloride, and Delrin. End

cap 28 may be the same materials, but for purely aesthetic reasons polycarbonate is preferred, since it can be produced in a variety of color options.

Indicia device 20 is easily installed on arm 14 of turnstile 10 without altering the turnstile and without using specialized tools, by first sliding collar 27 onto arm 14 such that arm extends through bore 38. Set screws 39 are tightened, engaging arm 14 and securing collar 27 thereto. Sheet 45, containing indicia 22, is rolled and inserted into tubular sleeve 23 in the proper orientation. Sheet 45 may be formed of substantially any material which can be rolled, and onto which indicia can be placed, such as paper, plastic, photographic paper, metal foils etc. Tubular sleeve 23 containing sheet 45 is received about arm 14 and coupled to collar 27 by inserting screws (not shown) through holes 42 into threaded holes 40. Due to the length of tubular sleeve 23, in order to insure spacing of free end 25 from arm 14, and to stabilize it for contact with individuals passing through the passageway, spacer 43 includes a bore 47 extending therethrough which receives free end 15 of arm 14, thereby positioning and securing free end 25. In this manner, indicia 22 is visible through and protected by tubular sleeve 23. Furthermore, sheet 45 may be easily changed by removing tubular sleeve 23 from collar 27 and replacing sheet 45.

Reference is now made to FIGS. 5 and 6 which illustrate an alternate embodiment of an indicia device incorporating the teachings of the present invention and generally designated by the reference character 50. Indicia device 50 is generally similar to previously described embodiment 20 and is

similarly configured to fit over and enclose arm 14 to display indicia 51. Indicia device 50 consists of a tubular sleeve 52 having an arm receiving end 53 and a free end 54. Arm receiving end 53 is closed by a collar 55 configured to receive arm 14 therethrough, and free end 54 is closed by an end cap 57.

5 With additional reference to FIG. 6, collar 55 includes an arm securing portion 58 and a sleeve securing portion having an outer portion 59, and an inner portion 60. Inner portion 60 has a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of an inner surface 62 of tubular sleeve 52, and is received in tubular sleeve 52 at arm receiving end 53. Outer portion 59 has a diameter substantially
10 equivalent to the diameter of an outer surface 63 of tubular sleeve 52 and engages arm receiving end 53. A groove 64 is circumscribed around the periphery of inner portion 60 and contains a seal ring 65 which engages inner surface 62 sealing tubular sleeve 52. As with the previous embodiment, this is to prevent moisture or other detrimental materials from entering tubular sleeve 52
15 and damaging indicia 51.

 Arm securing portion 58 has a diameter less than the diameter of inner surface 62 and extends outward from outer member 59, away from tubular sleeve 52. A bore 67 is formed centrally through collar 55, extending through arm securing portion 58, outer portion 59, and inner portion 60. Bore 67 has a
20 diameter sufficient to receive arm 14 therethrough. Set screws 68 extend through arm securing portion 58, into bore 67 and engage arm 14, securely fixing collar 55 to arm 14. In this immediate embodiment, two set screws are

employed separated by approximately 90 degrees. Threaded holes 69 are formed around the outer edge of inner portion 60 and align with corresponding holes 70 formed through tubular sleeve 52 at arm receiving end 53. Screws (not shown) extend through holes 70 and thread into threaded holes 69, securely holding tubular sleeve 52 onto collar 55 and thereby, onto arm 14.

Still referring to FIG. 6, end cap 57 includes an inner portion 72 having a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of inner surface 62 and an outer portion 73 having a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of outer surface 63. A spacer 74 may be formed integrally with or secured to inner portion 72 and is positioned centrally within tubular sleeve 52 at free end 54. Spacer 74 has a diameter less than the diameter of inner surface 62, thereby creating a space between spacer 74 and inner surface 62. A bore 75 extends through spacer 74 terminating at end cap 57. Bore 75 has a diameter sufficient to receive free end 15 of arm 14 therein. Set screws 77 extend through spacer 74 into bore 75 and engage arm 14, securely fixing spacer 74 to arm 14. In this specific embodiment, two set screws are employed separated by approximately 90 degrees.

In this embodiment, inner portion 72 of end cap 57 is received within free end 54 and has a groove 78 circumscribed about its periphery. Groove 78 contains a seal ring 79 which engages inner surface 62 sealing tubular sleeve 52. As with the previous embodiment, a sheet 80 of material carrying indicia 51 is rolled into a tube with the indicia visible on the outer surface thereof,

and inserted into tubular sleeve 52. When properly positioned, sheet 80 preferably extends from collar 55 to end cap 57, with its outer surface pressing against inner surface 62. It will be understood that a shorter sheet may be inserted which would not extend from collar 55 to end cap 57, however this is not preferred since this would permit viewing of the interior of tubular sleeve 52.

Indicia device 50 is easily installed on arm 14 of turnstile 10 without altering the turnstile and without using specialized tools, by first sliding collar 55 onto arm 14 such that arm 14 extends through bore 67. Sheet 80 of material containing indicia 51 is rolled and inserted into tubular sleeve 52 in the proper orientation. Sheet 80 may be formed of substantially any material which can be rolled, and onto which indicia can be placed, such as paper, plastic, photographic paper, metal foils etc. Tubular sleeve 52 containing sheet 80 is received about arm 14 and coupled to collar 55 by inserting screws (not shown) through holes 70 into threaded holes 69. Spacer 74 and end cap 57 are then positioned with free end 15 of arm 14 received within spacer 74. Set screws 77 are tightened, engaging free end 15 and securing end cap 57 to arm 14. Tubular sleeve 52 is moved outward, towards end cap 57 until outer portion 58 engages free end 54 of tubular sleeve 52. Collar 55 is moved outward toward end cap 57, until outer portion 59 engages arm receiving end 53 of tubular sleeve 52. Set screws 68 are tightened, engaging arm 14 and securing collar 55 thereto. In this manner, tubular sleeve 52 is securely retained between collar 55 and end cap 57

and indicia **51** is visible through and protected by tubular sleeve **52**. Furthermore, sheet **80** may be easily changed.

Referring now to FIG. 7 another embodiment of an indicia device incorporating the teachings of the present invention and generally designated by the reference character **100**, is illustrated. Indicia device **100** is generally similar to previously described embodiments and is similarly configured to fit over and enclose arm **14** to display indicia. Indicia device **100** includes a tubular sleeve **102** having an arm receiving end **103** and a free end **104**. Tubular sleeve **102** is configured to contain indicia as with previously disclosed embodiments. Arm receiving end **103** is closed by a collar **105** configured to receive arm **14** therethrough, and free end **104** is closed by a collar **107**. Collars **105** and **107** engage arm **14** and securely retain tubular sleeve **102** therebetween.

With additional reference to FIGS. 8 and 9, collar **105** includes an arm securing portion **108** and a sleeve securing portion **109**. Arm securing portion **108** is generally cylindrical with an inner surface **110** defining a bore **112** extending from an end **113** to an end **114**, and an outer surface **115**. Bore **112** has a diameter sized to receive arm **14**. Arm securing portion **108** also includes stop means consisting of a radially outwardly projecting lip **117** at end **113**, the purpose of which will be described subsequently. Threaded holes **118** are formed proximate end **114**, and extend inwardly from outer surface **115** to inner surface **110**, communicating with bore **112**. As can be seen with specific

reference to FIG. 9, set screws **119** extend through threaded holes **118** spaced about the circumference of arm securing portion **108**, and engage arm **114**. In this specific embodiment, four set screws **119** (not all shown) are employed, separated by approximately 45 degrees. A groove **120** is formed in outer surface **115** around the periphery of arm securing portion **108** intermediate ends **113** and **114**. Groove **120** has a generally "V" shaped profile and is formed by walls **122** and **123** sloping inward from surface at a 45 degree angle to meet at the bottom.

Sleeve securing portion **109** is generally cylindrical with an inner surface **125** defining a bore **127** extending from an end **128** to an end **129**, an outer surface **130**, and a split **132** extending from end **128** to end **129** and radially inward from outer surface **130** to inner surface **125**. Bore **127** has a diameter sized to receive arm securing portion **108** therein. Outer surface **130** has an inner portion **133** adjacent end **129** and an outer portion **134** adjacent end **128**. Inner portion **133** has a diameter less than the diameter of an inner surface **135** of tubular sleeve **102**, and is received in tubular sleeve **102** at arm receiving end **103**. Outer portion **134** has a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of an outer surface **137** of tubular sleeve **102** and abuts arm receiving end **103**. Outer portion **134** includes a beveled surface **138** adjacent end **128**, sloping inward at an angle such that beveled surface **138** is parallel to wall **123** of groove **120**, as can be seen in FIG. 9. In this instance beveled surface **138** slopes at a 45 degree angle. A shoulder **139** is formed between

outer portion **134** and inner portion **133** due to the difference in their respective diameters. A groove **140** is circumscribed around the periphery of collar **105** at the junction between outer portion **134** and inner portion **133** and contains a ring seal **142** which engages inner surface **135** at arm receiving end **103**, sealing arm receiving end **103** of tubular sleeve **102**. Ring seal **142** prevents moisture or other detrimental materials from entering tubular sleeve **102** and damaging indicia contained therein.

Threaded holes **143** are formed around outer portion **134**, extending from beveled surface **138** to bore **127**. Threaded holes **143** are slanted at a 45 degree angle corresponding to the angle of beveled surface **138**. Preferably, three set screws **144** with corresponding threaded holes **143** are evenly spaced around outer portion **134**. Sleeve securing portion **109** is received about arm securing portion **108**, with end **128** abutting lip **117**. While lip **117** retains sleeve securing portion **109**, one skilled in the art will understand that set screws **144** are sufficient to secure sleeve securing portion **109** in position about arm securing portion **108**. When sleeve securing portion **109** is properly positioned, set screws **144** extend through threaded holes **143** and engage wall **123**. As set screws **144** are tightened, they act as a wedge, widening or narrowing split **132**, resulting in a corresponding increase or decrease in the diameter of inner portion **133**. The increased diameter of inner portion **133** securely holds tubular sleeve **102** onto collar **105** and thereby, onto arm **14**.

Still referring to FIGS. 8 and 9, collar **107** includes an arm securing portion **148**. Arm securing portion **147** is generally cylindrical with an inner surface **149** defining a bore **150** extending from an end **152** to an end **153**, and an outer surface having a threaded portion **155** proximate end **153**. Bore **150** has a diameter sized to receive arm **114**. Threaded holes **157** are formed proximate end **152**, and extend inward from outer surface **154** to inner surface **149**, communicating with bore **150**. As can be seen with specific reference to FIG. 9, set screws **158** extend through threaded holes **157** spaced about the circumference of arm securing portion **147**, and engage arm **14**. In this specific embodiment, four set screws **158** (not all visible) are employed, separated by approximately 45 degrees.

Sleeve securing portion **148** is generally cylindrical with an inner surface **160** defining a threaded bore **162** extending from an end **163** to an end **164**, and an outer surface **165**. Threaded bore **162** has a diameter sized to receive end **153** of arm securing portion **147** and threadably engage threaded portion **155**. Outer surface **165** has an inner portion **167** adjacent end **163** and an outer portion **168** adjacent end **164**. Inner portion **167** has a diameter less than the diameter of inner surface **135** of tubular sleeve **102**, and is positioned in tubular sleeve **102** at free end **104**. Outer portion **168** has a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of outer surface **137** of tubular sleeve **102** and abuts free end **104**. A shoulder **169** is formed between outer portion **168** and inner portion **167** due to the difference in their respective

diameters. A groove 179 is circumscribed around the periphery of collar 107 at the junction between outer portion 168 and inner portion 167 and contains a ring seal 172 which engages inner surface 135 at free end 104, sealing free end 104 of tubular sleeve 102. As sleeve securing portion 148 is threaded onto end 153 of arm securing portion 147, tubular sleeve 102 is compressed between shoulder 139 and shoulder 169, securely holding tubular sleeve 102 in position.

Indicia device 100 is easily installed on arm 14 of turnstile 10 without altering the turnstile and without using specialized tools, by first sliding collar 105 onto arm 14 such that arm 14 extends concurrently through bores 112 and 127. Set screws 119 are tightened, engaging arm 14 and securing arm securing portion 108 thereto. Indicia is inserted into tubular sleeve 102 in the proper orientation, as described previously. Tubular sleeve 102 containing indicia (not shown) is received about arm 14 with end 103 abutting shoulder 139. Screws 144 are tightened, expanding sleeve securing portion 109 such that end 103 of tubular sleeve 102 is tightly engaged. Collar 107 is received about free end 15 or arm 14. Screws 158 are tightened, securing arm securing portion 147 to arm 14. Sleeve securing portion 148 is then received by arm 14 and threaded onto threaded portion 155, thereby positioning and supporting tubular sleeve 102.

Turning now to FIG. 10, another embodiment of an indicia device, generally designated 200, for use on turnstile 10 and to be received by arms 14, is illustrated. Indicia device 200 is substantially similar to indicia device 100,

including a tubular sleeve **202** having an arm receiving end **203** and a free end **204**, configured to contain indicia, a collar **205** configured to receive arm **14** therethrough and secure arm receiving end **203**, and a collar **207** securing free end **204**. Collars **205** and **207** engage arm **14** and securely retain tubular sleeve **202** therebetween.

With reference to FIGS. 11 and 12, collar **205** includes an arm securing portion **208** and a sleeve securing portion **209**. Arm securing portion **208** is generally cylindrical with an inner surface **210** defining a bore **212** extending from an end **213** to an end **214**, and an outer surface **215**. Bore **212** has a diameter sized to receive arm **14**. Threaded holes **217** are formed proximate end **214**, and extend inward from outer surface **215** to inner surface **212**, communicating with bore **212**. Set screws **218** extend through threaded holes **217** spaced about the circumference of arm securing portion **208**, and engage arm **14**. In this specific embodiment, four set screws **218** (not all visible) are employed, separated by approximately 45 degrees.

Outer surface **215** has an inner portion **220** adjacent end **214** and an outer portion **222** adjacent end **213**. Inner portion **220** has a diameter less than the diameter of an inner surface **223** of tubular sleeve **202**, and is received in tubular sleeve **202** at arm receiving end **203**. Outer portion **222** has a diameter less than the diameter of inner portion **220** and slopes inward, in the direction of bore **212**, toward end **213**. A shoulder **224** is formed between inner portion **220** and outer portion **222** due to the difference in their respective diameters. A pair

of opposing threaded holes **225** are formed into shoulder **224** parallel to bore **212**, the purpose for which will be described presently.

Sleeve securing portion **209** is generally cylindrical with an outer surface **227** and an inner surface **228** defining a bore **229** extending from an end **230** to an end **232** and having a diameter greater than arm **14** at end **230** and expanding toward end **232**. Bore **229** is sized such that its diameter intermediate ends **230** and **232** is equal to the diameter of outer portion **222** at end **213**. A split **233** is formed through a side of sleeve securing portion **209**, extending from end **230** to end **232** and outer surface **227** to inner surface **228**. Outer surface **227** has an inner portion **234** adjacent end **232** and an outer portion **235** adjacent end **230**. Inner portion **234** has a diameter less than the diameter of an inner surface **223** of tubular sleeve **202**, and is received in tubular sleeve **202** at free end **203**. Outer portion **235** has a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of an outer surface **237** of tubular sleeve **202** and abuts free end **203**. A shoulder **238** is formed between outer portion **235** and inner portion **234** due to the difference in their respective diameters. A counter sunk opening **236** is formed through sleeve securing portion **209**, extending from end **230** to end **232**. A groove **239** is circumscribed around the periphery of sleeve securing portion **209** at the junction between outer portion **235** and inner portion **234** and contains a ring seal **240** which engages inner surface at arm receiving end **203**, sealing arm receiving end **203** of tubular sleeve **202**.

Still referring to FIGS. 11 and 12, collar **207** includes an arm securing portion **242** and a sleeve securing portion **243**. Arm securing portion **242** is generally cylindrical with an inner surface **244** defining a bore **245** extending from an end **247** to an end **248**, and an outer surface **249**. Bore **245** has a diameter sized to receive arm 14. Threaded holes **250** are from outer surface **249** to inner surface **244**, communicating with bore **245**. Set Screws **252** extend through threaded holes **250** spaced about the circumference of arm securing portion **242**, and engage arm **14**. In this specific embodiment, four set screws **252** are employed, separated by approximately 45 degrees. Additional threaded holes **253** are formed through arm securing portion **242** from end **247** to end **248**, parallel to bore **245**.

Sleeve securing portion **243** is positioned adjacent end **248** of arm securing portion **242**, and is generally cylindrical with an inner surface **255** defining a bore **257** extending from an end **258** to an end **259**, and an outer surface **260**. Bore **257** has a diameter sized to receive free end **15** of arm **14**. Outer surface **260** has an inner portion **262** adjacent end **258** and an outer portion **263** adjacent end **259**. Inner portion **262** has a diameter less than the diameter of inner surface **223** of tubular sleeve **202**, and is received in tubular sleeve **202** at free end **204**. Outer portion **262** has a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of outer surface **237** of tubular sleeve **202** and abuts free end **204**. A shoulder **264** is formed between outer portion **263** and inner portion **262** due to the difference in their respective diameters. A groove **265** is

circumscribed around the periphery of sleeve securing portion **243** at the junction between outer portion **263** and inner portion **262** and contains a ring seal **267** which engages inner surface **223** at free end **204**, sealing free end **204** of tubular sleeve **202**.

5 Sleeve securing portion **243** also includes threaded holes **268** extending from end **258** to end **259** parallel to bore **257**. Screws **269** extend concurrently through threaded holes **268** and threaded holes **253**.

Indicia device **200** is easily installed on arm **14** of turnstile **10** without altering the turnstile and without using specialized tools, by first sliding collar **205** onto arm **14** such that arm **14** extends concurrently through bores **229** and **212**. Set screws **218** are tightened, engaging arm **14** and securing arm securing portion **208** thereto. Sleeve securing portion **209** is positioned adjacent arm securing portion **208**, with end **213** received within bore **229**. Tubular sleeve **202** is positioned enclosing arm securing portion **208**, with end **203** abutting shoulder **238**. Screws **270** are inserted through holes **236** into holes **225** and tightened. As screws **270** are tightened, outer portion **222** of outer surface **215** is drawn toward end **230** of sleeve securing portion **209**. The interaction of inner surface **215**, acts as wedge, widening or narrowing split **233**, resulting in a corresponding increase or decrease in the diameter of inner portion **234**. The increased diameter of inner portion **234** securely holds tubular sleeve **202** onto collar **205** and thereby, onto arm **14**.

Collar **207** is then received about free end **15** of arm **14**. When screws **269** are tightened, sleeve securing portion **243** is drawn toward arm securing portion **242**, compressing tubular sleeve **202** between shoulder **238** and shoulder **264**, securely holding tubular sleeve **202** in position.

5 Turning now to FIGS. 13 and 14, another embodiment of an indicia device, generally designated **300**, for use on turnstile **10**, is illustrated. Indicia device **300** differs from the preceding embodiments in that it includes a replacement arm **302**. Arm **302** includes a threaded end **303** and an end **304** adapted to be coupled to conventional turnstiles. Coupling means for coupling arm **302** to a turnstile is not specifically illustrated as conventional means, well known to those skilled in the art, are employed.

10 In similarity with previous embodiments, indicia device also includes a tubular sleeve **305** having an arm receiving end **207** and a free end **208**, configured to contain indicia, a collar **309** fixed to arm **302** proximate end **304**, and a collar **310** coupled to threaded end **303**. Collar **309** is generally cylindrical with an outer surface **312** and an inner surface **313** defining a bore **314** extending from an end **315** to and end **317**. Bore **314** has a diameter sized to receive arm **302**. Outer surface **312** has an inner portion **318** adjacent end **317** and an outer portion **319** adjacent end **315**. Inner portion **318** has a diameter less than the diameter of an inner surface **320** of tubular sleeve **305**, and is received in tubular sleeve **305** at arm receiving end **307**. Outer portion **319** has a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of an outer surface **322** of

tubular sleeve 305 and abuts arm receiving end 307. A shoulder 323 is formed between outer portion 319 and inner portion 318 due to the difference in their respective diameters. A groove 324 is circumscribed around the periphery of collar 309 at the junction between outer portion 319 and inner portion 318 and contains a ring seal 325 which engages inner surface 320 at arm receiving end 307, sealing arm receiving end 307 of tubular sleeve 302. Collar 309 may be attached to arm 302 in many ways, such as welding, use of adhesives, or mechanical means such as a friction pin 327 extending concurrently through inner portion 318, arm 302, and back into inner portion 318.

Collar 310 generally cylindrical with an outer surface 330 and an inner surface 332 defining a threaded bore 333 extending from an end 334 to an end 335. Bore 314 has a diameter sized to receive arm 302. Outer surface 312 had an inner portion 337 adjacent end 334 and an outer portion 338 adjacent end 335. Inner portion 337 has a diameter less than the diameter of inner surface 320 of tubular sleeve 305, and is received in tubular sleeve 305 at free end 308. Outer portion 338 has a diameter substantially equivalent to the diameter of outer surface 322 of tubular sleeve 305 and abuts free end 308. A shoulder 339 is formed between outer portion 338 and inner portion 337 due to the difference in their respective diameters. A groove 340 is circumscribed around the periphery of collar 310 at the junction between outer portion 338 and inner portion 337 and contains a ring seal 342 which engages inner surface 320 at free end 308, sealing free end 308 of tubular sleeve 302. Collar is threaded

onto threaded end **303**, compressing and securing tubular sleeve **305** between shoulder **323** and shoulder **339**.

Turning now to FIGS. 15 and 16, and again to FIG. , a preferred embodiment of the indicia device, generally designated **400**, for use on turnstile **10** and to be received by the arms **14**, is illustrated and described herein. The device **400** includes a transparent tubular sleeve **402** having opposing threaded ends **403**, **404** for receiving a collar **405** at each of the ends **403**, **404**. As illustrated with reference to FIG. 15, the collar **405** is intended to be identical for each tubular sleeve end **403**, **404**, which provide economy and ease in the operation and installation of the invention. As earlier described with reference to alternate embodiments of the present invention, the sleeve **402** is configured to receive the arm **14** therethrough. For the embodiment illustrated with reference to FIGS. 15 and 16, the collars **405** secure the sleeve **402** to the arm **14**.

Again with reference to FIGS. 15 and 16, the collar **405** includes a bore **406** for receiving the arm **14**. The collar **405** further includes threaded holes **408** formed into a shoulder **410** about the periphery of the collar **405** through which set screws **412** are threaded. The bore **406** is dimensioned for loosely receiving the arm **14**. The set screws **412** can be biased against the arm **14** for frictionally securing the collar **405** to the arm **14**. However, in the preferred embodiment herein described with reference to FIGS. 15 and 16, a compression ring **414** is received by the arm **14** and is positioned between the

arm 14 and collar 405. As illustrated again with reference to FIG. 16, a peripheral portion of each collar 405 includes a threaded bore 407 which receives the threaded sleeve ends 403, 404. The bore 407 terminates at a shoulder surface 409 within the collar 405. The shoulder surface 409 acts as a stop for the sleeve ends 403, 404 and a seal as the sleeve ends 403, 404 are threaded into the collar 405.

In operation, a portion of the compression ring 414 is positioned within bore 406 for communication with the set screws 412. Further, the compression ring 414 includes a split 415 formed within its wall for permitting the ring 414 to reduce its inside diameter as the screws 412 are biased against the ring 414. As the screws 412 are threaded toward the arm 14, the ring 414 compresses, causing the ring 414 to be removably secured to the sleeve 402. The ring 414 is secured to the collar 405, and thus the sleeve 402 secured to the arm 14.

The sleeve 402, as was earlier described for alternate embodiments, provides a gap 416 or space between the arm 14 and a sleeve inside surface 418 thus permitting the sheet 45 having indicia 22 thereon to be viewed from the passageway 16 described with reference to FIGS. 1 and 2. Various steps can be taken to place the indicia 22 for viewing by persons moving through the passageway 16. By way of example, it is anticipated that the sheet 45 containing the indicia 21, will be rolled up and inserted into position within the sleeve 402. With the compression ring 414 loosely fitted into the collar bore 406,

one ring 414 and collar 405 combination is threaded onto each end 403, 404 of the sleeve 402. The assembled device 400 is then slipped onto the arm 14 from its free end 15. The device 400 is rotated about the arm 14 for positioning the indicia 22 for viewing by persons moving through the passageway 16. The set
5 screws 412 are tightened for securing the device 400 to the arm 14 as earlier described

As described, this invention may be embodied in many different forms and the detailed description of a particular form should not be construed as limiting the embodiments set forth herein. Rather, these embodiments are
10 provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the scope of the invention to those skilled in the art.

The tubular sleeves of the preceding embodiments are preferably constructed of a transparent material through which the indicia is visible, although opaque material may be used with indicia printed thereon. Substantially any
15 clear material may be employed for a tubular sleeve, however, it must be strong enough to withstand repeated contact by individuals passing through the passageway. The preferred material for a tubular sleeve is cast acrylic, an extruded acrylic or polycarbonate. One skilled in the art will understand that while a transparent tubular sleeve 23 containing a sheet 45 is preferred, a tubular
20 sleeve may be employed having indicia directly thereon or attached to the outer surface thereof. As earlier described, each of the collars may be constructed of substantially any material, such as metal or plastic.

Other features not specifically illustrated have been contemplated for use with the indicia devices described previously. These include lighting installed within the tubular member to back light indicia contained therein.

Various changes and modifications to the embodiments herein chosen for purposes of illustration will readily occur to those skilled in the art. To the extent that such modifications and variations do not depart from the spirit of the invention, they are intended to be included within the scope thereof which is assessed only by a fair interpretation of the following claims.

Having fully described the invention in such clear and concise terms as to enable those skilled in the art to understand and practice the same, the invention claimed is: